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R e s o u r c e s *N e e d* Y o u !



Join the
Earth Team

USDA NRCS



Volunteers help NRCS and districts respond to the planning needs of farmers, ranchers, and other land users.

When you sign on as an Earth Team volunteer, you are on your way to becoming a caretaker of natural resources in your community. You may find yourself helping farmers, ranchers, and other landowners prevent wind and water erosion, conserving and cleaning up water, enhancing wildlife habitat, reducing flooding, or helping citizens of all ages learn about the environment and conservation through exciting educational activities.

The Earth Team Volunteer Program is part of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Federal Government's lead agency for conserving natural resources on private lands. Everyone who serves on the Earth Team plays an important role in keeping NRCS' long-standing commitment to working with people to protect and conserve natural resources.



Earth Team volunteers help carry the message of resource conservation to schools.

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES CLOSE TO HOME

The Earth Team is now recruiting in more than 3,000 locations across the country — that means that the Earth Team is at work *near you*.

The Earth Team needs a variety of people with a variety of skills and talents. As an Earth Team volunteer, you can join professional conservationists as they work directly with local farmers and ranchers in putting conservation practices on the land. You also may play an important part in improving wildlife habitat or taking inventories of natural resources.

If you are interested in conservation education, you can work with elementary and high school students, and college and university students, too. Through camps, classes, tours, and exhibits, you can introduce them to the wonders of nature and get them in closer touch with natural resources.



Volunteers in NRCS offices provide important clerical help that includes data entry, taking phone calls, and greeting visitors.

Interested in other kinds of community outreach? As an Earth Team volunteer, you may organize and develop conservation tours and exhibits for professional societies, civic groups, and people of all ages. You can get folks involved in improving water quality and erosion control projects. You can write newspaper and magazine articles or speak to community groups. Or you may apply your artistic talent to produce conservation publications.

Successful conservation work relies on people who have office skills. The Earth Team needs your talents for computer data entry and programming, typing, and filing. Also needed are people who have “people skills”—folks who enjoy providing information about conservation to those who stop by or call NRCS offices.

The Earth Team offers outstanding and exciting opportunities for people who need professional work experience or academic credit. Who knows? After serving on the Earth Team, you may decide to pursue a career in conservation.



Volunteers are a vital part of the team.

WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

You must be 14 years of age or older and interested in conserving natural resources. You can work part time or full time, evenings or weekends, outdoors or in a local NRCS office.

HOW DO YOU SIGN UP?

It's easy! Contact your local NRCS Office (the address and phone number can usually be found in the Government section of your phone book). You can also call 1-888-LANDCARE and leave your name, address, and phone number. This national referral network will pass the information on to an office near you. Your community's natural resources need you. Join the Earth Team!